H. JUDGE MOORE, Editor.

"First the blade, then the ear, after that the full corn in the ear." --- Paul

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POETRY.

THE RAVEN.

BY EDGAR ALLEN POE.

Once upon a midnight dreary, as I pondered weak

Over many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten lore-While I nodded, nearly napping, suddenly there

came a tapping, As of some one gently rapping, rapping at my chamber door.

'Tis some visitor," I muttered, "tapping at my chamber door- Only this and nothing more. Ah, distinctly I remember it was in in the bleak

December, And each separate dying ember wrought its ghost upon the floor;

Eagerly I wished the morrow-vainly I had sought From my books surcease of sorrow-sorrow for the

lost Lenore-For the rare and radiant maiden whom the angels nan.ed Lenore- Nameless here for evermore

And the silken sad uncertain rustling of each purple curtain

Thrilled me-filled me with fantastic terrors never felt before;

So that now, to still the beating of my heart, I stood repeating 'Tis some visitor entreating entrace at my cham-That is it, and nothing more.

Presently my soul grew stronger, hesitating then no longer,

Sir," said I, implore, But the fact is I was napping, and so gently you It shall clasp a sainted maiden whom the angels

came rapping, And so faintly you came tapping, tapping at my and raidiant maiden whom the angels name Lechamber door.

That I scarce was sure I heard you"-here I opened wide the door, Darkness there and nothing more | " Be that word our sign of parting, bird or fiend

Deep into that darkness peering, long I stood there wondering, fearing,

Doubting, dreaming dreams no mortal ever dared Leave no black plame as a token of that lie thy to dream before, But the silence was unbroken, and the darkness gave no token.

And the only word there was spoken was the whispered word "Lenore!" This I whispered, and an echo marmured back the word "Lenore!" Merely this, and nothing more

Back into my chamber turning, all my soul within me burning,

Soon I heard again a tapping somewhat louder than Surely," said I, " surely that is something at my

window lattice;

Let my heart be still a moment, and this mystery 'Tis the wind and nothing more. Open here I flung the shutter, when, with many a

flirt and flutter, In there stepped a stately raven of the saintly days of yore-

Not the least obeisance made he, not an instant stopped or stayed he, But with mien of lord or lady, perched above

my chamber door-Perched upon a bust of Pallas just above my chamber door-Perched, sat and nothing more. Then this ebony bird beguiling my sad fancy in-

to smiling, By the grave and stern decorum of the Counte-

Though thy crest be shorn and shaven, thou, I said, "art sure no craven,

Ghastly grim and ancient raven wandering from the Nightly shore-Tell me what thy lordly name is on the Night's

Plutonian shore-Quoth the raven 'Nevermore Much I marvelled this ungainly fowl to hear discourse so plainly.

Though it answers little meaning-little rele-For we cannot help agreeing that no living hu-

Ever yet was blessed with seeing bird above his Bird or beast upon the sculptured bust above his

But the raven, sitting lonely on the placid bust, who are worthy of the priceless boon of liberty. spoke only

he did outpour, Nothing further then he uttered-not a feather But, as a soldier of the United States' army, I, then he fluttered.

have flown before,

Startled at the stillness broken by reply so aptly Our trust is in God and our own good con-Doubtless," said I, " what it utters is its only

stock and store, Taught from some unhappy master, whose unmerciful disaster Followed fast and followed faster, till his songs

Till the dirges of his Hope that melancholy burden bore, Of never-nevermore."

one burden bore-

bird, and bust, and door, Then, upon the velvet sinking, I betook myself not to hire myself to a planter. I have seen to linking

What this grim, bird of yoreMeant by croaking " Nevermore."

Thus I sat engaged in guessing, but no syllable expressing,

To the fowl whose fiery eyes now burned into my bosom's core; This and more I sat divining, with my head at

ease reclining On the cushion's velvet lining that the lamplight gloated o'er. She shall press an nevermore !

Then methought the air grew denser, perfumed from an unseen censer, Swung by angels whose faint footfalls tinkled on

the tufted floor, Wretch !" I cried, "thy God hath lent theeby these angels he hath sent thee

of Lenore! Quaff, oh quaff this kind nepenthe and forget this lost Lenore." Quoth the raven Nevermore.

Respite-respite and nepenthe from the memories

· Prophet !" said I, "thing of evil-prophet still, if bird or devil! Whether tempter sent, or whether tempest tossed

thee here ashore, Desolate yet all undaunted, on the desert land enchanted.

On this home by horror haunted-tell me truly I implore-Is there—is there Salm in Gilhead—tell me-tell

me, I implore !" Quoth the raven Nevermore." " Prophet !" said I, "thing of evil-prophet still if bird or devil! By that heaven that bends above us-by that

God we both adore-Tell this soul with sorrow laden, if within the distant Aidenn,

Quoth the raven " Nevermore."

name Lenore-

Clasp a rare

I shricked, upstarting ; "Get thee back into the tempest and the Night's Flutonion shore!

soul hath spoken; Leave my loneliness unbroken !- quit the bust above my door! Take

thy beak from out my heart and take thy form off my door !" Quoth the raven 'Nevermore.' And the raven, never flitting, still is sitting still

On the pallid bust of Pallas just above my cham-And his eyes have all the seeming of a demon's that is dreaming.

And the lamplight o'er him streaming throws his

shadow on the floor-And my soul from out that shadow that lies floating on the floor,

Shall be lifted-nevermore!

COMMUNICATED. Articles inserted under this head are written by correspondents. We shall be glad to publish communications of merit, but do not hold ourselves re-

sponsible for their sentiments. Our correspondents are respectfully requested to send us more legible manuscrpt. We may be unchristian, but we must at least insist upon an i for i, and dotted at that.

EDISTO March 21, 1866. MR. EDITOR-Sir, will you please permit in your most worthy paper a few lines from your friend in regard to our personal rights. I think in time that we should come forward to the world and claim our rights as men of honor. We have fought as men beneath our country's flag, and if any white man in the South can say that we should not obtain by our services. equal rights before the law. All we wish to ask of our country as freemen, and I have reason to thank the Almighty that so much more does at this time exist than did one year ago. We have no home - no shelter - nowhere to stop - not even as well off as the fowls of the air. We are turned out on the world to live or die. But all I can say is that we must be industrious, chamber door. With such name as 'Nevermore and work with skill and energy, bear our lot patiently, and live before the world like men Allow me to say a word in regard to the dis-That one word, as if his soul in that one word tinctions of color. There is nothing like an equality existing between the white and colored. with those of my regiment, have done our duty Till I scarcelymore than muttered, "Other friends as friends and supporters of the Government. Our brothers have fought and died on the field On the morrow he will leave me, as my hopes of battle; but it seems that all our fighting has have flown before, The bird said 'Nevermore. done us but little good. Our politicians and leading men seem to be doing but little for us. duct. Let us convince the world that we are worthy to enjoy the rights we ask for. and in the course of time we will get them. Please examine the case carefully before you bring in a verdict against us. W. W. SANDERS,

Company H, 35th Regiment.

EDISTO ISLAND, March 26, 1866. I hope soon to be called a citizen of the U.S., and have the rights of a citizen. I am opposed But the raven still beguiling all my soul into myself to working under a contract. I am as much at liberty to hire a white man to work as Straight I wheeled a cushioned seat in front of he has to hire me. I expect to stay in the south one year after I am mustered out of service, but some men hired who were turned off without Fancy unto fancy, thinking what this ominous being paid. They try to pull us down faster than we can climb up. They have no reason to Jan 15 3m 15 Ungainly, ghastly gaunt and ominous bird of yore say that we will not work, for we raised them,

and sent them to school, and bought their land, and now it is as little as they can do to give us some of their land—be it little or much.

MELTON R. LINTON, Co H, 35th Regm't. : WATERBORO, S. C., March, 26, 1866.

MR EDITOR-I am glad to see your independent journal place itself upon the firm basis of Gov. Vm. L. Sharkey. Jackson, Miss. equal rights. In the Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln, in 1863, he declared your state convention without difficulty. I to the people at large that slavery should be hope at without any delay your convention forever abolished, no more to exist within the will arend your State constitution, abolishing limits of the United States; and that there slavery, and denying to all future legislatures should be no distinction in regard to color. But the power to legislate that there is property in there is a difference in regard to color, and ever man; so, that they will adopt the amendment will be. I remember well at the battle of Honey to the constitution of the United States abol-Hill, which lasted seven hours, and the gallant ishing slavery. If you extend the elective fran-35th Regiment, led by their gallant Colonel, J. chise to all persons of color who can read the C. Beecher, fought as bravely as any upon that constitution of the United States in English, bloody and well-contest d field. At that par- and write their names, and to all persons of ticular time and in that particulr fight there was color tho own real estate valued at not less no distinction in regard to color. That was so than 250, and pay taxes thereon, you would in battle, but it is not so now.

tion in regard to color now, let him approach do with perfect safety; and you thus place the the cars, or enter a hotel or a steamboat, and her southern States, in reference to free persons of will be set right upon that matter. There are color pon the same basis with the free States. many white men, natives of the so-called sunny I hop and trust your convention will do this ; South, who say the colored man won't work; and, a a consequence, the Radicals, who are but all we require of them is to give us a fair wild upon the subject of negro suffrage, will be chance and living terms, and we'll show them completely foiled in their attempts to keep the who is behind in the great race of thrift, indus- southern States from renewing their relations to try, and economy. I begin to think that I have the Ur on, by not accepting their senators and left home and friends far behind : and many representatives. mothers, wives, and sisters have wept with sorrow for their husbands, sons, and brothers who have been engaged in the service of their country. We have been called upon to go forth to the battle-field, and have cheerfully responded to the call, and refused no sacrifice for the good of our country.

I am further gratified to see that the old stain of prejudice which has existed among our downtrodden race is fast dying out; and that there is now a union of feeling existing which did not exist when the gallant 35th Regiment first entered the service. I am pleased at the unanimity of feeling and sentiment exhibited by our brethren who meet in council to devise ways and means for the elevation of our race. The dawn of a brighter day is breaking, and the shade of the dark night of slavery is fast

Please remember us to the ladies, who will bless us for the noble cause in which we are engaged. May the time soon come when the nations shall learn of war no more, and peace and quiet shall everywhere prevail.

> Sergt. H. D DUDLEY, Co. K. 35th Regt.

GEORGE'S STATION, S. C.,

March 26, 1866.

MR. EDITOR-Will you be so kind as to allow me a small space in your Leader, for the promulgation of a few thoughts. This is rather a parrow strip of land upon which I work. I hope soon to have elbow-room in which to exercise my powers. I feel like there is a good time coming, when not only the soldiers of the. U.S. but all citizens shall enjoy the rights of American citizenship. But I can say that Co. G., 35th Regiment, are doing now what they should have done long ago, and that is to get an education. We can boast of a first-rate teacher, and I hope that God will bless him, and likewise our captain. We are enjoying ourselves here very much, and dividing our attention pretty equally between the useful and the ornamental. This is a small place, but it has grown considerably since our arrival. The day is coming when George's-station shall have a prominent place on the map of South Carolina. It has room to grow, and I hope it will improve the opportunity. We may be here for some time yet, and perhaps longer, for anything I know to the contrary. I will try to keep you posted on the most important matters transpiring in this rising inland town, which, is soon, I am told, of Representatives, now in Congress assemto be promoted to the rank of a city by brevet, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

Sergt, C. W. Pugn, Co'y G., 35th Reg't. AN ANECDOTE OF WEBSTER .- The Worcester West Chronicle, a local newspaper lately started cils of the U. L. A. do most heartily approve at Barre, Mass., relates the following anecdote as coming from the lips of a venerable compos- Freedmen's Bureau Bill; regret most deeply ter delivered his reply to Hayne, the firm I was the Senators who voted to pass the bill over the then at work for bought a revised copy of the ors, Voorhees, Vallandighams, rebels, and poimanuscript in order to publish that and Hayne's sonous Copperheads, in rejoicing over and speech in a bound volume. One day, as I was approving the veto. at work upon it, Mr. Webster came into the office, and, walking up to my stand, with the proof-sheet' in his hand, said - Young man, (I was a vounger man once than I am now) how do you find the manuscript? The Washington printers make great complaints about it.' as soon as he had gone."

A large meeting was held in Baltimore last week to approve the action of Congress. The meeting assembled in the Front Street Theatre, where Lincoln and Johnson were nominated. The spacious building was densely packed, and great enthusiasm manifested. Senators Caswell, of Maryland, Trumbull, of Ill., and Nye, of Nevada; and Representatives McKee, of Kentucky, and Francis Thomas and J. L. Thomas, of Maryland, and others, spoke.

PRESIDENTIAL PROGRESS. Six honths ago Andrew Johnson wrote the following letter to his newly made provisional

governor of Mississippi. What is he saying to-* EXECUTIVE MANSION, Washington, D. C., Aug. 15, 1865.

I am glad to see that you have organized completely disarm the adversary, and set an ex-If any man believes that there is no distinc- ample the other States will follow. This you can ANDREW JOHNSON,

> President United States. The corner-stone of the old capitol was laid; neal Washington on the 18th of Sept. 1793. This building was set on fire by the British ... the war of 1814, at the conclusion of which it was rebuilt. The wings were added in 1851, on July sathe anniversary of the Declaration of Independance. Under the corner-stone of the addition to the Capitol, Mr. Webster deposited a paper in his own handwriting, containing the following sentence: "If, therefore, it shall be hereafter the will of God that this structure shall fall from its base, that its foundation be upturned, and the deposit beneath this stone brought to the eyes of men, be it then known that on this day the Union of the United States of America stands firm-that their Constitution still exists unimpaired, and with all its original usefulness and glov, growing every day stronger and stronger in the affections of the great body of the American people, and attracting more and more admiration of the world." Just ten this was uttered, the Special Session of Cons ss of July 4th, 1861, was convened for the puresse of taking measures to put down the greatest Civil War in the world's history.

THE MILITARY.

We have no clashing now between the civil and the military authorities. Maj. Gen. Daniel E. Sick es, commanding department, is firm in the discharge of his duty, and is deservedly popular. Gen. Devens, the commandant of the post, is dealing out justice with an even hand within the limits of his jurisdiction, and has, by his affable mannes and courteous deportment, won golden opinio s from all classes. Maj. Gen. Scott, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau, has but lately come among us, but he has already exhibited a degree of firmness and impartiality in the discharge of his duty, which cannot fail to commend him favorably to all parties. In the main, we may consider ourselves peculiarly fortunate in those who have been selected to exercise mili-

tary authority among us. UNION LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

e reports of nearly two thousand councils roughout all the States have been returned, and all of them have adopted the following

Resolved, That these Councils have full confidence in the majority of the Serate and House bled, and in the measures which have been prepared by that majority in regard to the restoration of the relations to the general Government of the States lately engaged in rebellion against the Government of the United States. Resolved, That the members of these Counof the action of the loyal members of the Congress of the country in their passage of the tor employed in its office. "Just after Webs- the veto of that bill by the President; thank

> Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be published in all the loyal papers in sympathy with our Order throughout the country. When are we to hear from the Order in this

THIS BEAUTIFUL WORLD .- Ah, this beautiful Mr. Webster, your manuscript is rather ob- world ! Indeed I know not what to think of it. scure; but then I consider your diction re- Sometimes it is all gladness and sunshine, and markably sound.' Mr. Webster looked at me a heaven itself lies not far off. And then it changmoment, and then put his hand in his pocket, es suddenly, and is dark and scrrowful, and the and giving me a dollar, walked out without clouds shut out the day. In the lives of the sadanother word. But I had to spend that dollar dest of us there are days like this, when we feel as if we could take the great world in our arms. Then come the gloomy hours, when the fire will not burn in our hearts nor on our hearths; and all without and within is dismal, cold, and dark. -Every heart has its secret sorrows, and oftentimes we call a man cold when he is only sad.

> "Aw! how duth you like my mustathe, Mith Laura?" lisped a dandy, to a merry girl. "O, very much. It looks like the fuzz on the back. of a caterpillar."